

§ 73.3521 Mutually exclusive applications for low power television, television translators and television booster stations.

When there is a pending application for a new low power television, television translator, or television booster station, or for major changes in an existing station, no other application which would be directly mutually exclusive with the pending application may be filed by the same applicant or by any applicant in which any individual in common with the pending application has any interest, direct or indirect, except that interests or less than 1% will not be considered.

[52 FR 31400, Aug. 20, 1987]

§ 73.3522 Amendment of applications.

(a) *Broadcast services subject to competitive bidding.* (1) Applicants in all broadcast services subject to competitive bidding will be subject to the provisions of §§ 73.5002 and 1.2105(b) regarding the modification of their short-form applications.

(2) Subject to the provision of § 73.5005, if it is determined that a long form application submitted by a winning bidder or a non-mutually exclusive applicant for a new station or a major change in an existing station in all broadcast services subject to competitive bidding is substantially complete, but contains any defect, omission, or inconsistency, a deficiency letter will be issued affording the applicant an opportunity to correct the defect, omission or inconsistency. Amendments may be filed pursuant to the deficiency letter curing any defect, omission or inconsistency identified by the Commission, or to make minor modifications to the application, or pursuant to § 1.65. Such amendments should be filed in accordance with § 73.3513. If a petition to deny has been filed, the amendment shall be served on the petitioner.

(3) Subject to the provisions of §§ 73.3571, 73.3572 and 73.3573, deficiencies, omissions or inconsistencies in long-form applications may not be cured by major amendment. The filing of major amendments to long-form applications is not permitted. An application will be considered to be newly

filed if it is amended by a major amendment.

(4) Paragraph (a) of this section is not applicable to applications for minor modifications of facilities in the non-reserved FM broadcast service, nor to any application for a reserved band FM station.

(b) *Reserved band FM and reserved noncommercial educational television stations—*(1) *Predesignation amendments.* Subject to the provisions of §§ 73.3525, 73.3572, 73.3573 and 73.3580, mutually exclusive broadcast applications for reserved band FM stations and television stations on a reserved channel may be amended as a matter of right by the date specified (not less than 30 days after issuance) in the FCC's Public Notice announcing the acceptance for filing of the last-filed mutually exclusive application. Subsequent amendments prior to designation of the proceeding for hearing will be considered only upon a showing of good cause for late filing or pursuant to § 1.65 or § 73.3514. Unauthorized or untimely amendments are subject to return by the FCC's staff without consideration.

(2) *Postdesignation amendments.* (i) Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this section, requests to amend an application after it has been designated for hearing will be considered only upon written petition properly served upon the parties of record in accordance with § 1.47 and, where applicable, compliance with the provisions of § 73.3525, and will be considered only upon a showing of good cause for late filing. In the case of requests to amend the engineering proposal (other than to make changes with respect to the type of equipment specified), good cause will be considered to have been shown only if, in addition to the usual good cause consideration, it is demonstrated:

(A) That the amendment is necessitated by events which the applicant could not reasonably have foreseen (e.g., notification of a new foreign station or loss of transmitter site by condemnation); and

(B) That the amendment does not require an enlargement of issues or the addition of new parties to the proceeding.

(ii) In comparative broadcast cases (including comparative renewal proceedings), amendments relating to issues first raised in the designation order may be filed as a matter of right within 30 days after that Order or a summary thereof is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, or by a date certain to be specified in the Order.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (b)(2)(i) and (b)(2)(ii) of this section, and subject to compliance with the provisions of § 73.3525, a petition for leave to amend may be granted, provided it is requested that the application as amended be removed from the hearing docket and returned to the processing line. (c) Minor modifications of facilities in the non-reserved FM broadcast service.

(1) Subject to the provisions of §§ 73.3525, 73.3573, and 73.3580, for a period of 30 days following the FCC's issuance of a Public Notice announcing the tender of an application for minor modification of a non-reserved band FM station, (other than Class D stations), minor amendments may be filed as a matter of right.

(2) For applications received on or after August 7, 1992, an applicant whose application is found to meet minimum filing requirements, but nevertheless is not complete and acceptable, shall have the opportunity during the period specified in the FCC staff's deficiency letter to correct all deficiencies in the tenderability and acceptability of the underlying application, including any deficiency not specifically identified by the staff. [For minimum filing requirements see § 73.3564(a). Examples of tender defects appear at 50 FR 19936 at 19945–46 (May 13, 1985), reprinted as Appendix D, Report and Order, MM Docket No. 91–347, 7 FCC Rcd 5074, 5083–88 (1992). For examples of acceptance defects, see 49 FR 47331.] Prior to the end of the period specified in the deficiency letter, a submission seeking to correct a tender and/or acceptance defect in an application meeting minimum filing requirements will be treated as an amendment for good cause if it would successfully and directly correct the defect. Other amendments submitted prior to grant will be considered only upon a showing of good cause for late filing or pursuant to § 1.65 or § 73.3514.

(3) Unauthorized or untimely amendments are subject to return by the Commission without consideration. However, an amendment to a non-reserved band application will not be accepted if the effect of such amendment is to alter the proposed facility's coverage area so as to produce a conflict with an applicant who files subsequent to the initial applicant but prior to the amendment application. Similarly, an applicant subject to "first come/first serve" processing will not be permitted to amend its application and retain filing priority if the result of such amendment is to alter the facility's coverage area so as to produce a conflict with an applicant which files subsequent to the initial applicant but prior to the amendment.

NOTE 1 TO § 73.3522: When two or more broadcast applications are tendered for filing which are mutually exclusive with each other but not in conflict with any previously filed applications which have been accepted for filing, the FCC, where appropriate, will announce acceptance of the earliest tendered application and place the later filed application or applications on a subsequent public notice of acceptance for filing in order to establish a deadline for the filing of amendments as a matter of right for all applicants in the group.

[63 FR 48623, Sept. 11, 1998]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 63 FR 48623, Sept. 11, 1998, § 73.3522 was revised, effective Nov. 10, 1998. For the convenience of the user, the superseded text is set forth as follows:

§ 73.3522 Amendment of applications.

(a) *Predesignation amendment.* (1) Subject to the provisions of §§ 73.3525, 73.3571, 73.3572, 73.3573, and 73.3580, and except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, any application, other than an application for a low power TV, TV translator, TV booster or a nonreserved band FM station may be amended as a matter of right prior to the adoption date of an order designating such applications for hearings, merely by filing the appropriate number of copies of the amendments in question duly executed in accordance with § 73.3513. If a petition to deny (or to designate for hearing) has been filed, the amendment shall be served on the petitioner.

(2) Subject to the provisions of §§ 73.3525, 73.3571, 73.3572, 73.3573 and 73.3580, and except for applications for low power TV, TV translator, TV booster or non-reserved band FM stations, mutually exclusive broadcast applications may be amended as a matter of right by the date specified (not less than 30 days